FY21 BroadbandUSA Federal Funding Site Update

Department: Appalachian Regional Commission

1	**Federal Agency/Bureau**	Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
2	**Program Name**	Distressed Counties
3	**Program Overview**	ARC targets special resources to the most economically distressed counties in the region, using a measure of economic distress based on three economic indicators: three-year average unemployment rates, per capita market income, and poverty rates. ARC normally limits its maximum project funding contribution to 50 percent of costs, but it can increase its funding share to as much as 80 percent in distressed counties.
4	**CFDA**	23.002 Area Development
5	**Program Website**	www.arc.gov
6	**Type of funding**	☐ Discretionary ☐ Subsidy ☒ Formula ☐ Loan or loan guarantee Other:
7	**Link to application site, NOFO or Grants.gov (if different from program website above)**	Not Applicable
8	**NOFO Type**	☐ Initial ☐ Modification ☐ Reissue/Renewal Other:
9	**Important Dates (if applicable)**	Applications can be submitted throughout the year although individual states may have specific requirements.
10	**FY2021 Appropriations Amount**	Total Amount:$14.9 million Amount Available Towards Broadband (if specified):
11	**Broadband-related Program Purpose/Eligible Expenditures (check all that apply)**	☐ Planning (e.g., feasibility) ☒ Broadband Infrastructure Deployment (e.g., construction) ☒ Broadband Adoption/Digital Literacy/Tech Support ☒ Digital Skills Training (e.g., STEM/STEAM, Workforce Development) ☒ Public Connectivity/Computer Access ☒ Research and/or Evaluation ☐ Data and/or Mapping ☒ Smart Communities/Cities/Regions ☒ Telehealth Other:

		☒ Devices/equipment (e.g., laptops, hotspots)	
12	**Eligible Recipients (check all that apply)**	☒ Libraries ☒ K-12 Schools ☒ Higher Education Institutions ☒ State Government ☒ Local Government ☒ Territorial Governments ☒ Tribal/Native American Government, Alaska Native Controlled Organizations, and Native Hawaiian Organizations ☒ Public Safety Entities	☒ Healthcare Facilities ☐ For-Profit Organizations (including Internet Service Providers) ☒ Non-Profit Organizations ☒ Electric Utilities/Co-ops ☐ Financial Institutions Other:
13	**Publicly-available programmatic data**	Information available on website or by contacting state ARC program manager.	
14	**Contact information**	1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068Telephone: (202) 884-7700Email: info@arc.gov.For questions on specific topic areas, please refer to the contacts listed on the ARC Offices and Staff page.	
15	**Additional Information**	As per ARC's federal-state partnership model, funding via ARC's Distressed Counties is first generated at the state level in each of the Region's 13 states. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact their ARC State Program Managers (contact info available at www.arc.gov) The amount specified above applies to all ARC program activities. Only a small portion will be used for broadband projects.	